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THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS

Bill for Election of Senators Goes to
Third Reading.

Bill to Amend Law of Evidence Discounten-
anced—Return of Damages Paid
for Street Widening.

In the Senate this morning Minister Cooper presented the answer to the question propounded by Senator Schmidt asking for a statement of indemnities allowed or paid property holders in the city of Honolulu for deeding part of their property to the government for the purpose of widening and extending streets during the last two years. The answer gives a list of 78 parties who were paid various amounts and it was ordered printed.

Senator Rice reported the Cable Bill printed and it was taken up on second reading and referred to a special committee consisting of Senators Brown, Baldwin, Wilcox, Schmidt and Holstein.

Senator Brown from the Judiciary Committee reported on Senate Bill 20, election of Senators, to the effect that the Constitution provides that the Senators shall be divided into three classes, five to serve two years, five to serve four years and five to serve six years, and the number of Senators being limited to fifteen, made it, according to the number allotted to each Senatorial District, rather difficult to arrange. The committee is of the opinion that the Act introduced has arranged for the election of Senators in the only manner, that can be done by reason of the number of Senators and the number to which each Senatorial District is entitled, and therefore recommend that it pass.

On motion the report was adopted, which carried the bill to a third reading, set for Monday next.

From the same committee Senator Brown reported on House Bill No. 18, being an Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 32 of the laws of 1876 relating to evidence, as follows: As the law now stands, the Attorney General or Sheriff of the several circuits have the power of applying to any Judge of a Court of record in Chambers for an order that any witness in a criminal case whose evidence is material may be bound by recognizance to appear and testify at the trial, or may be committed to prison for that purpose.

The Act now under consideration provides that any material witness to the prosecution, who is about to depart, or intends to evade subpoena, or to otherwise avoid giving testimony, and such fact is proved to the Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court where the trial is to take place, may be required to enter into recognizance in a reasonable sum to appear and testify at the trial, or if such recognizance is not entered into may be committed to prison until such time as the cause comes on for trial.

Another provision is that the defendant or accused person or his attorney may at any time examine the witness if committed to jail. This provision is new and seeks to introduce new practice and was introduced into the Act for the reason that the Supreme Court, in a case

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recently heard, decided that it was not reversible error for the trial Judge to refuse an application made by the attorney of an accused person for a private interview or examination with a witness detained in jail by the prosecution under the existing law. We think that in the prosecution of all criminal cases, the accused should have a free, fair and impartial trial; but we do not see why any laws should be enacted that would tend to weaken the prosecution's means or methods of obtaining evidence, or when obtained weaken it, or prevent its being given as originally stated. With the large population here of a class of people whose language is unknown to the majority and who are noted for their clamorings, it would be impossible in our opinion, if the law sought to be enacted is passed, to obtain the detention of such witnesses whose evidence in the case was material for the prosecution.

Some question has been raised, but not by this Committee, as to the constitutionality of the law as it now stands. We have no fear upon that score, as, if we are informed correctly, the law of evidence now on our statute books, and of which this is a section, was collated or drafted from the law of New Zealand or others of those colonies by the late Judge Preston, and has been tried and found to stand the test where originally enacted. We therefore recommend that the Act be laid on the table.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

Senate Bill 17, registration of vessels, which passed second reading yesterday, was brought up by Senator Brown on a motion to reconsider, and referred back to the Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 20, relating to the proposed office of "Reporter of the Decisions of the Supreme Court," was taken up, with the report of the Judiciary Committee recommending that it be laid on the table, and on motion the report was unanimously adopted.

Senate Bill 19, creating a park at Aala, came up with the report of the Public Lands Committee, recommending that the bill pass. The report was adopted, which carried the bill through second reading. Third reading was set for Monday.

On motion of Senator McCandless action on the substitute bill exempting the Sailors' Home Society from taxation was deferred. At 10:30 the Senate adjourned.

Kilohana Art League.

This is the evening of the members' reception by the literary circle of the Kilohana Art League. Mrs. Mabel Wing Castle will have charge of the program. The special feature of the evening will be the reading of the five best stories received in the February competition. Miss Kelly will read them. After this is over Mrs. Castle will announce the names of the successful competitors.

All Ready to Sail.

The Baltimore will certainly sail either this afternoon or tomorrow morning for the Orient. She will touch first at Yokohama and, unless orders are received to the contrary, will proceed to Hongkong to join the American fleet. The Bennington will become the flagship at this station.

Afternoon House Talk.

Consideration of the license bill was resumed in the House yesterday afternoon. Each item was the subject of prolonged discussion. When the Milk license was reached at 3:30 o'clock, adjournment was taken to this morning.

The High Reputation

Of the Criterion Barber Shop, since the advent of the introduction of the individual cup, is constantly increasing. People, who formerly shaved at home, now patronize this shop.

GREATEST FLOOD IN YEARS

Four Important City Bridges in Imminent Danger.

Hundreds of People Flooded Out of Their Homes
—Nuuanu Stream Bursts Over New
Retaining Wall.

Much the heaviest flood in many years is raging in the Nuuanu stream this afternoon.

At King street bridge, at 2 o'clock, the water was up to the floor and running at a 10 or 15 knot rate.

Driving thence to the Beretania street bridge, mire up to the hubs of the back all the way, the flood was met outside of the new retaining wall close to Beretania street. It was encroaching on that street while the carriage was detained a few moments.

The bridge just mentioned is the successor of Smith's bridge, that stood a few yards farther up Beretania at the foot of the sharp hill below Maunakea street intersection. When the reporter stopped there to take a look, the water was even with the bridge sidewalk surface, but quicker than it takes to tell the flood was surging clear across the bridge for its whole length.

Over Kukui street extension bridge, 100 or 200 yards farther up the stream, the deluge was encroaching like over the wasteway of a milldam. It was at that point the water broke over the retaining walls, and rushed in a flood toward Beretania street along the line of the new River street. People up to their waists in water were saving their effects from the houses all along the street. Outside the wall, in the track of the swelling waters, was a pile of house timber looking like the wreck of a habitation.

Proceeding up Beretania street a thrilling scene was encountered. Houses at the former site of Smith's bridge were under water to the middle of the doors and windows. Men and women were wading in and out of the doors, saving their furniture and clothing which they packed off on their shoulders.

Directly opposite the Chinese Joss House the scene was next to tragic. There a lake from 30 to 50 acres in area extended in irregular shape in the midst of one of the most populous quarters of Honolulu.

One of the most telling indicators of the flood was a long two story house, new and better built than all the other fabrics in the neighborhood. The water was three quarters of the height of the lower floor doors and windows. Household goods were being hustled out of every opening of that and every other house.

A stout skiff, navigated by a stalwart native, was rapidly plying from point to point rendering assistance to the distressed people.

All over the lake men and women by dozens were wading up to their shoulders, with furniture and bundles held high in hand, and the prospect was that in a few

minutes the area could only be traversed by swimming in lieu of a flotilla of boats.

The street overlooking the scene was swarming with natives, Chinese and Japanese, as well as a sprinkling of foreigners attracted by rumors of catastrophe.

Capt Robert Parker had a detail of police at the spot, to keep people off the bridges and to render any assistance in their power to the overwhelmed inhabitants.

W. E. Rowell, Superintendent of Public Works, was seen at the St. Louis College, or Beretania street bridge. He said that, if the storm continued, Kukui bridge would likely give away. It would be that case carry away Beretania bridge, and the impact of both these wrecks would, there was great danger, be too much for King street bridge to withstand.

Questioned about a rumor that School street bridge was carried away, Mr. Rowell answered that there was no danger of that bridge. It was too high above the stream. Kukui street bridge, farther up School street, was, however, in danger.

As, while this is being written, the downpour has assumed fresh volume, the chance for survival of the four endangered bridges mentioned are certainly precarious. Their destruction would involve untold public inconvenience.

St. Louis College compound is in a dreadful state. Any increase in the flood will drive the Brothers and their boarding pupils into the upper stories.

Much distress must ensue, with probably sickness, to the poor people overtaken by the flood. No time should be taken in opening a relief fund. The BULLETIN will receive and acknowledge contributions for the purpose.

LATEST.

Two Men Drowned—Great Rescue Work
Proceeding in Flood.

The bodies of a white sailor and a Chinaman have floated down the stream.

The retaining wall is broken away in several places.

About 50 men are engaged with boats in rescuing people from houses near Smith's bridge.

The water there is five feet deep.

HOTEL ROOM GALORE.

Honolulu Will be Able to Accommodate All the Tourists.

When winter comes again Honolulu will not be so short of hotel room as many people fear. It is not unlikely that the Hawaiians will by that time carry two additional stories. Besides it will have several extra cottages as well as the Penhallow premises. In fact the rooming facilities will be nearly doubled.

The year will also bring great changes to the Arlington. It is practically settled that the Bishop estate will increase the rooms of that place to an even hundred. The addition will go either on top of the King street building or in rear of it, most probably the latter.

All of the hotels expect a great increase in business next season.

Will Hang Tomorrow.

Sagasta and Yoshida, the two Japanese murderers from Maui, will be hung in the yard of Oahu jail at 10 o'clock tomorrow. Only the prison physician, officials, two Japanese preachers and representatives of the local newspapers will be present. The criminals will be suspended in the same manner as was Noa on the 13th of December last.

The Coming Entertainment.

It is Saturday evening of this week that Rebeccah Lodge, I. O. O. F., will entertain its friends. Preparations for the affair have been going on several days. There will be a literary and musical program followed by a dance. Tickets may be had of members.

IN AN INCH OF HIS LIFE

Native Boy Falls Into Rolling Torrents
of Nuuanu Stream.

Brave Rescue—Japanese Carried Down on a
Bridge and Has a Narrow
Escape.

The terrible freshet in Nuuanu stream came near claiming a victim this afternoon, the seven-year old son of C. L. Brito.

The boy left St. Louis College about 12:30 to cross the stream to his home. He took the footwalk over at Kukui street. When about half across his feet slipped on the bridge and he fell headfirst into the surging river. A native boy about 16 years of age, who had been swimming in the stream, plunged in and rescued the little lad.

Young Brito was taken to St. Louis College and given every attention. Dr. Wood responded promptly to the call from the school and in an hour the boy was able to return home.

A few minutes after this accident occurred a Japanese canoe near meeting a similar or worse fate. He was about half way across when the torrent tore the bridge loose at both ends and took it whirling down toward the ocean. Fortunately the structure remained upright and moved endwise. The Jap was frightened all but into spasms. He sat down, jumped up, waved his hands in the air and called loudly to the native boys running along the bank for help. The while, his boat was flying at a terrific rate of speed down the stream, together with banana trees, chicken coops, baskets, hats, boxes, chickens and dozens of other things.

The Jap's salvation was Smith's bridge at Beretania street. When about 50 yards off he stretched out his arms, and when close enough grasped the riders of the bridge. His "boat" slid under and ten minutes later was out in the bay. The Jap was pulled up on Smith's bridge and taken under the umbrella of a native woman. It was raining hard at that time.

Kaulukou a Car.

When the motion to adjourn was put in the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon the vote was 5 to 4 in favor of the motion. Three members did not vote. "Kaulukou! Kaulukou!" was shouted by several members. "I declare the House adjourned," asserted the speaker. Exceptions were taken, but by that time Mr. Kaulukou had donned his hat and walked out.

Rainfall Today.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the following rain figures were obtained, for the six hours beginning at 8 o'clock this morning: At W. W. Hall's 1.80 inches; Insane Asylum, 2.13 inches; Panahou observatory, 3.40 inches.

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